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Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is a Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 concurrently with a Notice of Appeal.

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed July 23, 2004, for which a three-month response period expiring on October 23, 2004 was set. The three-month extended period expires on January 23, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) Extension Fee of \$1,020.00, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for that purpose.

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